## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 236 By Graves

## A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Mari Elizabeth Martin, 2003 Salutatorian of Gallatin High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mari Martin is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2003 graduating class at Gallatin High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mari Martin has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Mari Martin has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Mari Martin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, an extremely talented and well-rounded individual, Mari Martin has been involved in many activities and organizations in her academic career; she was on the math

team, attended the 2001 Governor's School for the Humanities, was on the cross-country and soccer teams, is a member of the Tennessee Tomorrow Club, National Honor Society, Yearbook Staff, Tri-Hi-Y Club, Spanish Club, Gallatin Girls' Cotillion Club, and the Sumner County Teen Court; and

WHEREAS, Mari also gives generously of her time to numerous organizations in many capacities; she was the 4-H June Dairy Month Chairman, is a tutor for the English as a Second Language Program, a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity, the Food for Families Drive, and has worked for the First Baptist Church of Gallatin Christmas Toy Store and the National League of Junior Cotillions; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mari Martin has also been awarded the A.P. Scholar Award for her impressive scores on A.P. exams; and

WHEREAS, Mari Martin's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Thomas Martin, Jr. and Sandi Martin, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Mari Martin's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Gallatin High School Salutatorian, Mari Elizabeth Martin, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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